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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Masaaki MUTO et al.)
Application No.: 09/603,431) Group Art Unit: 2879
Filed: June 23, 2000) Examiner: A. Patel
For: DISCHARGE LAMP)

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2002 (Paper No. 4), the period for response to which extends through May 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 17 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A discharge lamp, comprising:
- an arc tube having a discharge space including substantially no mercury;
 - a pair of electrodes facing each other in the discharge space; and
 - a low melting point metal halide with a melting point less than or equal to approximately 400°C and a rare gas enclosed at high pressure in the discharge space in such a manner as to